

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

The invention relates to telecommunications and more particularly to a process for automatically creating, maintaining and displaying graphical objects such as graphical buttons which are contained ~~into~~ in a web page.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 3 (starting at line 32) with the following paragraph:

Obviously, one could reconsider the opportunity of incorporating sophisticated graphical images for the purpose of allowing the automatic scanning system a direct access to the textual information associated to the hyperlink. However this possibility is not feasible in view of the strong ~~succeded~~ success of the aesthetic web site and the enthusiastic demand of visitors for those.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 (starting at line 5) with the following paragraph:

It is therefore a general wish to facilitate the creation and the maintenance of the different graphical objects which are associated with textual information, such as the hyperlink buttons. The edition of those objects should be made possible within the frame of the HTML page in order to minimise any implication of the graphical designer and the use of additional graphical edition tool. Not only ~~his~~ this implication should be minimised--thus entailing a cost reduction.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 4 (starting at line 17) with the following paragraph:

At last, it is desirable that the HTML pages still support the automatic analysis and search processes which are carried out by the automatic scanning systems. The user should also be allowed to deselect the downloading of the image files in the web browser settings, and still be capable of navigating through the HTML

pages.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 6 (starting at line 8) with the following paragraph:

Since the size of the eight files is lower than that of the original buttons, a substantial compression effect is achieved. Additionally, the same files may be used for generating ~~multiple~~ multiple different objects including different textual information.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 10 (starting at line 16) with the following paragraph:

~~In~~ If the two values stored within the memory appear to be equal, then the next adjacent sample is assigned the role of the current one in step 65, and the process loops back to step 63.

Please replace the second and third full paragraphs on page 12 (starting at line 14) with the following paragraphs:

It should be noticed that the process which was described above uses a comparison test of the digital representation of the current sample and the next adjacent sample. This comparison can be basically achieved by individually comparing the Red-Blue-Green components of each pixel. In one particular embodiment, it may be advantageous to decide that the comparison succeeds when the ~~different~~ difference between the two representation only differ of a predetermined amount of bits per color in order to increase the compression effect. The analysing process uses a comparison of the digital representation of the vertical and horizontal samples which are based on a Red-Green-Blue (24 bytes) representation of the colour. However, this is given only by way of example, and any other representation could be used.

In one embodiment, the process is executed by means of a specific object or component which is used for ~~returns~~ returning the eight different image subfiles,

in gif format for instance, from any pre-existing original image file, being coded in jpeg, in gif or in bitmap. [[. . .]] It should be noticed that, while the analysing process has been described for producing images under the .gif format, any other kind of formats which are suitable for carrying image may be used.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 13 (starting at line 27) with the following paragraph:

The second cell of the second row is used for displaying the textual information which is to be incorporated within the considered button. It should be noticed that the web design may use any font for this purpose and may ~~defined~~ define the background colour of that cell so that the latter matches the background colour of the graphical object.